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East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, San Mateo County Flood Control District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Director Mark Cowin  
California Department of Water Resources  
1416 9th Street, Room 1115-1  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Cowin:

As elected leaders from the cities of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto, and the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara, and as members of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) Board of Directors, we unanimously write to thank you for the Department of Water Resources recommendation to provide \$8 million to the SFCJPA from the Stormwater Flood Management Grant program. The project recommended for funding, called the *San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Capital Improvement Project, East Bayshore Road to San Francisco Bay*, is part of a comprehensive program to address the flood management, ecosystem and recreational needs of our constituents.

This vital funding will allow us to begin to solve the flooding risk since a storm damaged approximately 1,700 properties in our watershed thirteen years ago. The project recommended for funding will protect residents living below sea level in homes with rooflines below an uncertified levee, and protect major local, state, and federal infrastructure. The State's Bay Conservation and Development Commission is using this project as a case study because it will be one of the first projects to simultaneously protect against a 100-year fluvial flood, 100-year tide and the most extreme predictions of Sea Level Rise. Additionally, it will provide very important ecosystem benefits to endangered species and new or improved trails to residents of the region.

Thank you again for your department's support of our funding request. If you have any questions, please contact SFCJPA Executive Director Len Materman at 650-561-4580 or [len@sfcjpa.org](mailto:len@sfcjpa.org).

Sincerely,

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